

Remarks

Claims 9-35 are pending in this application. Applicants have amended claims 9, 12, 18, and 22-35 to clarify the present invention. Applicants have corrected the numbering of claims 22-34. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application.

Applicants have amended the abstract and present a clean copy of the abstract of the disclosure herewith on a separate sheet. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the abstract.

The Examiner rejected claims 9-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended the claims to consistently utilize the term "brake system" throughout. Applicants submit that claims 9-34 comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

The Examiner indicated that claims 9-35 recite allowable subject matter.

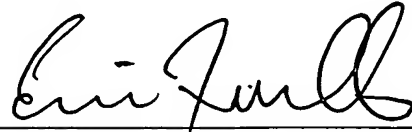
In conclusion, Applicants submit that this case is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance.

If an interview would advance the prosecution of this case, Applicants urge the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Respectfully submitted,

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